



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TRINH *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/306,986

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For: **A Method for Synthesizing a  
Nucleic Acid Molecule Using a  
Ribonuclease**

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**Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated **January 2, 2001**, Applicants submit the following  
Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with  
clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37  
C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with  
markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are  
required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this  
paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of  
this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.

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